

Library, I wish to ask if you will be willing to appear and testify?
I am yours very truly,
ARMISTEAD C. GORDON,
Chairman.

Mr. Cox appeared later and brought the following reply, and quickly retired:

March 14, 1907.
Hon. C. V. Meredith,
Member of the Board of Directors
of the Virginia State
Library, Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your request that I appear as a witness before the Board of Directors of the Virginia State Library, I wish to state that I am a member of a committee of the General Assembly of Virginia, which has recently been organized in hearing testimony about certain of the matters which are now being considered by your board of directors in this city.

You have the record of all the testimony taken before the committee of which I am a member, and these matters are now before this committee of the General Assembly for consideration and decision upon the testimony which you have.

Under these circumstances I respectfully decline to comply with your request.

Yours very truly,
EDWIN P. COX.

Mr. Meredith was entering upon a conversation with Mr. Cox on the subject, when the latter said any reply to his letter should be made in writing.


Mr. Meredith answered by mail, but the contents of his answer are not known.

Much Speculation.
Though the end of the controversy is in sight, so far as the library board is concerned, no one can say what that end will be. It is believed that somebody will "walk the plank" but who it will be or what will be the final "line-up" in the board no one seems to be able to say.

The board will endeavor to get through at this morning's session, as Messrs. Gordon and Fishburne are anxious to get off on the 2 P. M. train.

Whether final action will probably be taken to-day, or whether this will be deferred to a later meeting, could not be learned last night.

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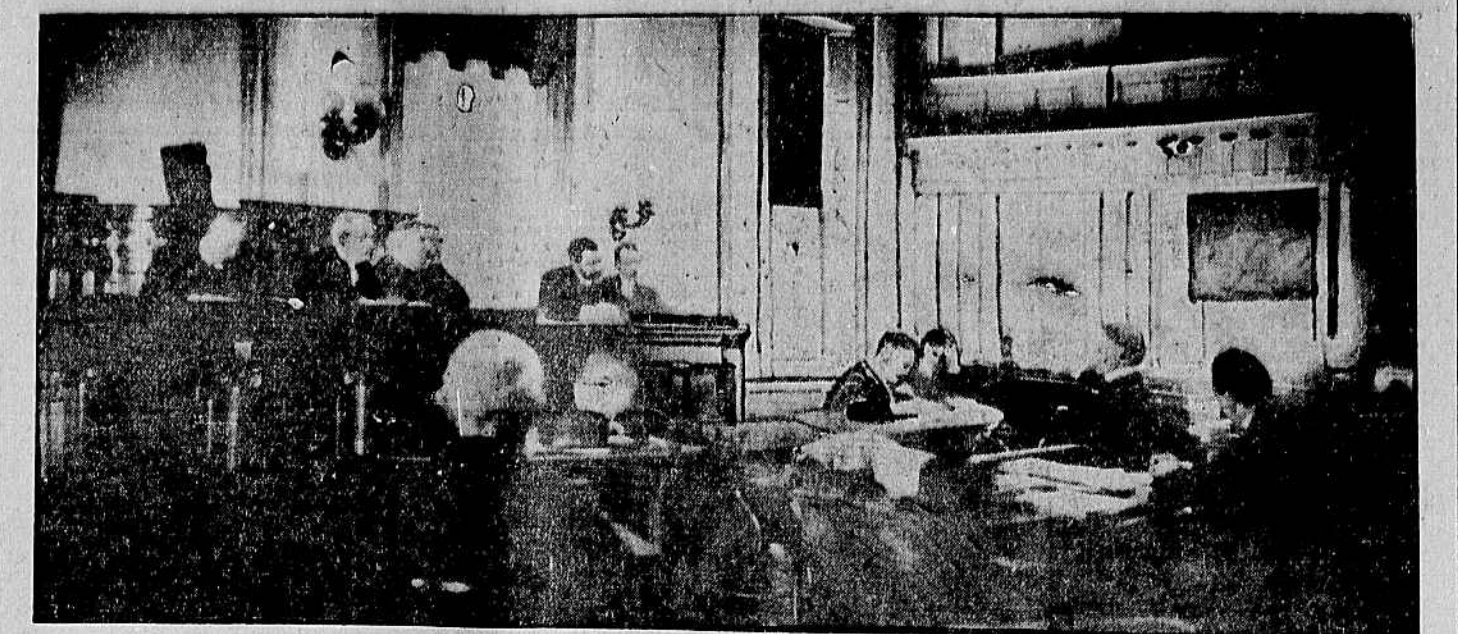
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SCENE IN SENATE CHAMBER WHILE MR. EVANS WAS TESTIFYING BEFORE LIBRARY BOARD YESTERDAY



members of the Legislature that he would rather take less himself in order that you might get \$1,500?"

"Senator George S. Shackelford told me that Mr. Kennedy said he would like to see me get \$1,500, but that if he didn't get \$3,000 for himself I ought not to get but \$1,500."

"Had Mr. Kennedy been friendly with you?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did it occur to you to consult him before getting papers out of the library files and giving them to other persons?"

"No, sir."

"Do you regard that you had a right to get those papers out without consulting your superior?"

"Yes, sir. If I hadn't thought so I wouldn't have done it."

At this point the board took a recess until 2:30 P. M.

to the person at the other end, "Noble character; brave fellow."

"We are completely ostracized as the others," continued Miss Jones. "We see these secret conferences going on between Messrs. Minor, Eckenrode, Mr. Fishburne and Mr. Berkeley, but we have no part in them. Our communication with them relates solely to business."

John Snyder, janitor, who does a good deal of clerical work as well, was put on this point.

He said from 5 to 10 o'clock P. M. he was on duty in the library, but he never would say he was in charge.

His position was that of janitor, and he had no criticism to make of any one.

"I've always reckoned myself as a janitor there," he said, "and I take orders and have been in no conference."

Snyder was a star. He wouldn't say anything either way.

"I am only a janitor," he observed many times, "and I'll leave it to Mr. Kennedy if I don't do my duty."

Habitually Untruthful.
Mrs. Kate Pleasant Minor testified. Questioned by Mr. Meredith, witness declared that she considered Mr. Kennedy habitually untruthful, which correspondence explains itself.

She had told Mr. Meredith her opinion two years ago, and he had said if he became convinced of this, Mr. Kennedy would not hold his place. She thought if what had developed recently had not convinced others, she could not make the case stronger by further testimony. She knew nothing about the Burk's History matter.

"Can you tell me of a single instance you cited me about Mr. Kennedy's alleged untruthfulness, upon which I could have satisfied myself by investigation?" asked Mr. Meredith.

"Yes, sir."

"Please name one."

"Well, I told you that Mr. Kennedy said he could read four languages. If he can read a page of French I will withdraw my statement that he is habitually untruthful. You could easily have found this out for yourself."

"Does Mr. Kennedy treat you courteously?"

"He has for the past two years. Prior to that time he did not."

"Didn't you get your place through him?"

"No, sir."

Mr. Minor declared that she had had nothing to do with the investigation further than to testify. She had talked the matter over informally with members of the library staff.

"I think I would like to know of any feeling in the library, though I had noticed several times that Miss Rison was rather 'cut and spiteful' in her manner. She was not surprised at this, as Miss Rison was Mr. Kennedy's loyal and faithful friend."

In speaking of the "phone conversation" referred to by one of the other lady witnesses, Mrs. Minor said who was talking to her, she did not know. She would not say she did not write all of them, but she had great doubt about the one in which "we" and "us" are used. Here Mr. Meredith read a letter from the official stenographer for the investigation.

EVANS ON THE STAND DURING THE MORNING

The Assistant Librarian Closely Questioned About the Various Transactions in Connection With His Superior.

The board convened promptly at 10 o'clock, with all the members sitting. Chairman Gordon stated that the board was a little doubtful as to its authority to swear witnesses, and that, therefore, they would be asked to testify upon their honor.

Mr. Edward S. Evans, assistant librarian, was the first witness, and was questioned by Mr. Meredith.

"It is the purpose of the board," said he, "to make as thorough an examination into the affairs of the library as possible. I want you to state anything you know of in Mr. Kennedy's record as a librarian which you think has shown either neglect or any improper performance thereof."

"Do you want my personal views?" asked the witness.

"I want your personal knowledge."

"The matter which first awakened in my mind the lack of approval," said Mr. Evans, "occurred last winter about this time. It was Mr. Kennedy's attitude as to the sale of the Burks' History that had been taken up in the library. He invited me to participate in an auction, but I thought he was doing anything wrong, but it made me lose confidence in his judgment. He offered them to me, and I said I would take them with the approval of the board. The matter was submitted to Mr. Eckenrode, and he said they must be sold at auction. I thought this settled it, but Mr. Kennedy came back and said he had arranged for you to buy them at a low price. I finally dropped out and said I did not think I should have anything to do with it."

TRAVELING EXPENSES.

"The only other thing I can think of in the matter relating to Mr. Kennedy's traveling expenses," said Mr. Eckenrode, "is the bill for railroad fare to New York, \$15." Mr. Patterson asked Mr. Kennedy if he didn't have a pass to Washington, and if this was not for the round trip from Washington to New York. Mr. Kennedy said that upon looking into the question, the round trip fare from Washington to New York was only \$10. Witness admitted that he had been in New York. He took the matter up with Mr. Meredith.

"Since the investigation commenced," Mr. Kennedy asked me to go to the library again, and I found the item of \$15 railroad fare had been changed to \$10. An item of \$4.50 for fare to Philadelphia had been added, and for this, with Pullman fare, made the bill within 50 cents of the original amount.

"This, I believe, is about all I know, except what came out in the other investigation."

"We desire to know all, and will give you all the time you want," said Mr. Meredith.

"When I returned from my vacation last summer Dr. Eckenrode told me that Mr. Kennedy had said I had made grave charges against him, and that he would ask my resignation.

"Mr. Douglas Freeman, friend of mine, sent for me and told me that Mr. Kennedy said by the first of January I would be out."

"Mr. Kennedy intimated that his reason for feeling as he did towards me was that Mr. Patterson told him that some one had informed him of his New York trip. He said he had a pretty good idea who it was, but if he found out definitely he would discharge him at once."

Work Wasted.

Here witness read two letters written by himself to Mr. Kennedy, suggesting changes in the method of cataloging and classifying the books in the library. He declared that one-half of the work done in this line in the last three years had been wasted, because it was not done right.

Mr. Kennedy had said that he had made no change in the method of cataloging and classifying the books.

"What is the condition of the library this day with regard to efficiency and value of service?" asked Judge Garrett.

"In my opinion the library is doing splendid work," was the reply. "I only criticized the method of classification and cataloging."

Mr. Meredith asked, "Have you made any recommendations?"

"These," said witness, holding up the letters he had written Mr. Kennedy. "Witness thought the last appropriation was sufficient for better service, but that the force was inadequate. He did not think Kennedy knew all about the library business."

"Did you take to the legislative committee any correspondence relating to the sale of Burk's History?" asked Mr. Meredith.

"Yes, sir."

"State the circumstances."

"Mr. Byrd asked me if there was any correspondence on the subject. I told him I did not know, but there must be, as the parties lived out of town. He said, 'Go and get it,' and I did. The letters were copied and I put them back into the files at once."

"I got Mr. Berkeley to copy them on Mr. Byrd's orders."

Papers Gone.
"You made an examination of the files in the presence of Mr. Cox the other day, and these papers were not there, were they?"

"No, sir; we could not find them."

"Will you take these papers and see if they are the ones taken by you from the files?"

"Yes, sir; they are."

Witness admitted that he wrote a letter to Mr. Dunbar Rowland at Mr. Byrd's request, in order to get a copy of a letter bearing on the Burk's History transaction, so that the correspondence might be complete.

"Mr. Byrd said to me," he went on, "we need one more letter to make the thing complete. Write Mr. Dunbar Rowland and get it."

"I did not," said witness, "as the language of his letter when it was read to him by Mr. Meredith."

(Copy.)
I certify that the following letter is a true copy of the original, which is in my possession.
(Signed) DUNBAR ROWLAND, Director.

Westmoreland Club, Richmond, Va., Jan. 14, 1907.
Hon. Dunbar Rowland, Jackson, Miss.:
Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., I beg to say that a set of Burk's History of Virginia, which was called to my attention, and I am desirous to know exactly what you paid us for it. I think it was \$25, but I will certainly remember, and may possibly still have your canceled check. If you have this check and will be so kind as to send it to me, I will appreciate it very much. If you haven't the check, please let me know the amount.

I am, very sorry to trouble you, but this matter is of personal interest to me and will settle my conscience.

Thanking you in advance, I am,
Cordially yours,
(Signed) EDWARD S. EVANS,
Assistant Librarian.
Address me at 191 N. Fifth Street, Richmond, Va.

"What personal interest could you have had?" asked Mr. Meredith.

"I don't know."

"What dispute was to be settled?"

"Simply that Mr. Byrd wished to know what the price was."

Did Not Remember.

"These books were, you say, lying on the table. If you had thought they belonged to the State, and Mr. Kennedy was selling them on his own account, would you have protested?"

"No, sir."

"Did you not tell Mr. Rowland that Mr. Kennedy had a set of Burk's, which he could get for \$20?"

"I don't think I did."

There was read the letter from Mr. Rowland, which appeared elsewhere, and while says Mr. Evans did tell him about the history which Mr. Kennedy had for sale.

"If Mr. Rowland's memory is correct, Mr. Kennedy must have told me he had purchased the books on his own account, and I do not remember about this," said the witness.

"Do you deny the statement in Mr. Rowland's letter?"

"I neither deny nor affirm it."

"Mr. Evans, how did you first come to be summoned before the committee?"

"I don't know."

"Did you talk about the Putnam prices on the streets?"

"I talked, I think, with Mr. Kent Rawley on the subject. Mr. Rawley told me people thought Mr. Berkeley and I were in cahoot with Mr. Kennedy. I told him I wished to make a confidential statement. I went on to tell him that I believed there was more or less truth in Mr. Berk's confessions about the purchase of books outside the State. Mr. Rawley told me he had a friend on the legislative committee, and asked me to talk with him. I told him I would not. He then asked if I should be summoned before the committee if I would tell what I know. I told him of course I would do this, but I wished him to make no statement to the committee on my account."

"Then it appears that you do know how you came to be summoned before the committee," observed Mr. Meredith.

Mr. Patterson now asked Mr. Evans: "Have you ever written and had published an encyclopedia and guide to Richmond?"

"Yes, sir."

"Who published it?"

"The Richmond Press."

"What were your profits out of it?"

"About \$600 in debt."

Mr. Meredith asked witness if he was not under obligations to Mr. Kennedy, and the latter said he did not think so.

"Didn't he work last winter to get your salary increased, and didn't he tell

MRS. MINOR ATTACKS KENNEDY AND CALLS HIM UNTRUTHFUL

Other Witnesses Testify About Secret Conferences Among Employees and Say They Were "Ostracized"—Librarian Changes His Mind About Letters.

Richmond Education Association, testified, and was asked by Mr. Meredith to state what, if any, connection he had had with the Legislative Investigating Committee.

He said Mr. Evans had come to his office to talk about arranging for an educational meeting, and witness asked him what about the rumors that Mr. Kennedy was paying too much for books for the school traveling libraries.

"Mr. Evans confirmed the rumors," said the witness, "and I told him it was his duty to go before the committee. He declined the suggestion, and said he would make no charges and would not authorize me to make any."

"I mentioned the matter to Mr. Cox, and he declined to take the matter up until he had conferred with his colleagues."

"I made no charges; I only casually mentioned the matter to Mr. Cox."

"Did you tell Mr. Evans that he and Mr. Berkeley were supposed to be in cahoot with Mr. Kennedy?" asked Mr. Meredith.

"I think I said that, knowing these things and being connected with the library, Mr. Evans and Mr. Berkeley would be held equally to blame with Mr. Kennedy by the public."

"I promised Mr. Evans that I would make no charges in his name, and he said if he was called he would testify."

"I told him I was going to speak to Mr. Cox about the matter, and Mr. Evans objected. I did not promise him that I would not mention it to Mr. Cox, of the committee."

"I did not tell Mr. Cox all Mr. Evans said. I told him that there were certain rumors about the payment of high prices for books by Mr. Kennedy in New York, and that the committee could get the rumors confirmed by the members of the library staff."

Not Treated Courteously.
Several ladies connected with the library testified, and they asked that the room be cleared of all save members of the board, the stenographer, and newspaper men.

They were not used to testifying, and thought they might be a little nervous.

Miss Carrie Goodwin Wilson, chief of the serial division, was introduced, and she said she could not say anything detrimental to the management of the library, save as to the actual performance of duty goes.

"I think they have all attended to their duties very well," she said. "I think there is a friction there among them, but they manage to attend to their work."

"Since this investigation started there are three of us who are not treated very courteously by the others."

"Who are those who seem to be prominent on the other side?"

"Well, Mrs. Minor is one of them. Very often we overhear conversations over the phone and in the library that don't seem to be very loyal. This morning Mr. Evans called Mr. Berkeley over the local phone and told him he wished to see him at once before anything further was done in the investigation."

"Do you know anything about the Burk's History matter?"

"Nothing whatever."

Miss Rose Goode, chief of the stenographic division, followed. She knew nothing of the Burk's History matter. Witness testified as to the taking out of the file of the New York expense voucher by Mr. Evans. She said this voucher was taken out and returned within about two hours.

Miss Goode knew of nothing on the part of Mr. Kennedy which showed that he was not fulfilling the duties of the office properly. She was sure there was a division in the library.

Completely Ostracized.
Miss Virginia Jones, stenographer at the library, said she knew of nothing reflecting upon the management of the library, though she spoke of secret conferences in the library and of talks over the phone.

She declared that not long ago Mrs. Minor was discussing a matter over the phone which was supposed to relate to the library affair, and when assured that the phone did not connect with Mr. Kennedy's she exclaimed:

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ing committee, in which he said he was not in possession of the letters. No one appears to know where they are.

Mr. Kennedy was closely examined by Chairman Gordon. The latter wanted to get at the bottom of matter about the missing letters. Witness testified formerly that he wrote the letters, and now he said he was willing to stand by their contents. He could see the copies used by the committee.

Mr. Kennedy's Law Burk's History is a book of 100 pages, which is a copy of the original. It is a copy of the original. It is a copy of the original.

Mr. Kennedy introduced the following correspondence, relating to the Burk's History matter, which correspondence explains itself.

(Copy.)
Mr. Dunbar Rowland, Jackson, Miss.:
Dear Sir,—Exception has been taken to the purchase of Burk's History of Virginia at \$20. This book I sold at a profit of \$10, having had considerable trouble in locating it. As I remember, you wrote me asking me to get it if possible. If this is so kindly let me have the receipt of your letter, and I will like also to know whether you were satisfied for me to be paid for my trouble in locating it. You would have had to put me in a bad light, so your assistance is needed by me. The book is worth \$20 on our market, and your copy is cheap.

Have you been written to in regard to this question?
JOHN P. KENNEDY.
Feb. 15, 1907.

(Copy.)
Jackson, Miss., Feb. 12, 1907.
Mr. John P. Kennedy, Richmond, Va.:
Dear Sir,—The facts connected with the purchase of Burk's History of Virginia are these: In December of 1905 I was in Richmond making some investigations in the State Library. At that time I mentioned to Mr. Evans, the assistant librarian, that I wished to purchase Burk's History of Virginia. He stated that you had a set which he thought I could get for \$20, which would be a bargain. I was made to understand by you that the sale for \$20 was accepted and that the book was in your possession. I then went to your office and found the book. I paid you \$20 for it, and you gave me the book. I then took the book to my home and found that it was not a perfect set, as there were pages missing from two volumes. I then wrote you a letter, and you returned it to me. I then wrote you another letter, and you returned it to me. I then wrote you a third letter, and you returned it to me. I then wrote you a fourth letter, and you returned it to me. 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